

Our School Library FUNDRAISER QUIZ

For pupils, parents, carers and staff

Entry fee £1

Please support generously

We need to raise funds to:

- replace books which have gone AWOL during Covid,
- purchase Carnegie Medal Shortlisted books,
- expand our Manga selection for KS3 pupils.



Library Friends,

I think we can all agree that the last year has been like no other. I have been incredibly proud to be associated with our School staff and pupils who have all 'gone above and beyond' following Covid safety rules and continuing with learning whilst supporting each other in our School community. Our Library continues to 'double up' as a Year 9 classroom and during morning registration I can be seen dashing in and out of various tutor rooms delivering books as part of my Click-and-Drop service. Since September, we have loaned out over 950 books to Years 7 to 10. Even without access to the Library, our Student Library Team is still going strong (with eleven Pupil Librarians and six Year 7 trainees) thanks to our regular Zoom meetings.

The decision was taken early on to waive fines and not to charge for Library books lost during the various Lockdowns. This means we have stock to replace but we also need to purchase new titles and expand our Manga range to ensure our Library continues to thrive. Sadly, our budget cannot stretch to accommodate all this without additional fundraising, hence my Library Fundraiser Quiz with many of the prizes kindly donated by Asda.

Please can you watch the Library Fundraiser Powerpoint slide show which I have sent to all pupils via satchel:one. This should tell you all you need to know in order to participate. With thanks in anticipation of your continued support and generosity.



Mrs Brett
Library Co-Ordinator



B.O.T.B.

Bring. On. The. Books.

Find out what is
happening in our School
Library Community

May 2021

Dear Library Friends,

Thanks to Mrs Clewlow for this picture, I feel I should entitle this 'The original Click-and-Drop Service'. I have been super busy this month, dashing between KS3 tutor room during morning registrations and staggering out to the Year 9s in the Yard at lunchtime under a pile of books. As a result, my Click-and Drop service has had its best month yet, loaning out 167 books.



I have thoroughly enjoyed my own reading this month. As you read on, you will see that most of the books I have reviewed have received the maximum 5 stars. Our Carnegie Shadows, 'The Busy Bees' have also been 'pulling their weight' and we are almost ready to vote for our favourites from the shortlisted books.

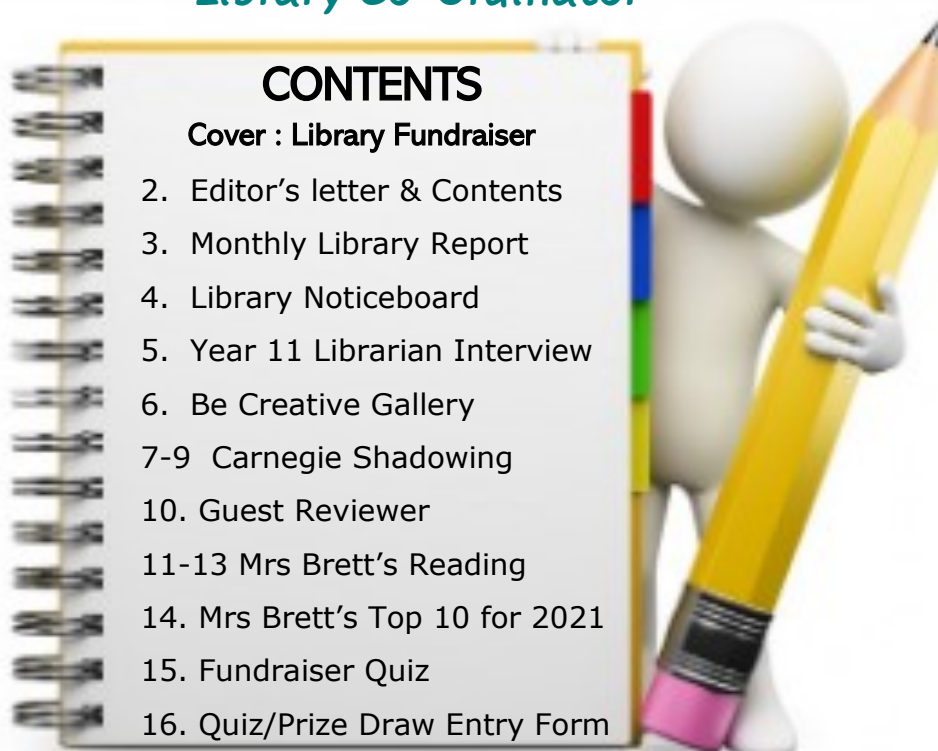
At the end of the day, it is 'all about the books' and I do hope that as many of our Library Friends as possible will support my Library Fundraiser. Many thanks in advance.

Mrs Brett 
Library Co-Ordinator

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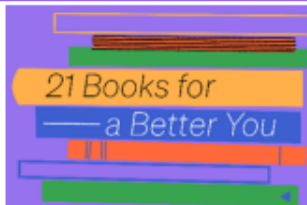


Mrs Brett's Monthly Library Report

1. STATISTICS for the month of MAY

Books shelved	80
Overdue books	16
Books loaned out to pupils via Click-and-Drop	159
Staff new topic loans	0
Staff new personal loans	8

2. Library newsletter.
3. Carnegie Shadowing.
4. Click-and-Drop service.
5. Processing donated books and DVDs.
6. Year 9 True Crime presentation for morning Registration.
7. Year 9 Dystopian presentation for morning Registration.
8. Year 9 Thriller presentation for morning Registration.
9. Year 11 Access arrangements (Reading/Scribing, Group Reader).
10. Library Fundraiser Quiz
11. Library Team Zoom meetings.
12. Ongoing Library database cleansing.



Can you read 21 books by the end of 2021?

I have set myself this additional challenge (to read one book for each of the following categories). If you would like to attempt this, please message Mrs Brett via Satchel.One for futher details and an entry form.

Disney Twisted Tale
Funny book
Ghost
New book (published 2021)
Picture Book
Positive story

Progress : These are the ones I am struggling with but I have now challenged fourteen KS3 pupils who are regular Library users and some may finish this before me!

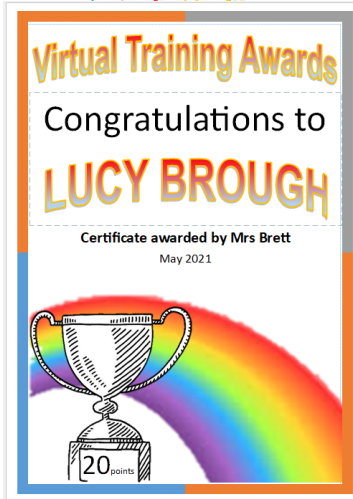
Corbet Staff BOOKCLUB

We have all been so busy with School work that we have no had chance to meet. Ideas are needed for our Summer reading selection. Staff, if you would like to join us, please email me. Mrs B

Library Noticeboard



Congratulations!




Au revoir to our Year 11 Librarian Leaver Mia Armstrong.

Throughout the Pandemic, Mia has continued to contribute to our team, attending our evening Zoom meetings and submitting art work for publication in this newsletter. Congratulations Mia, we wish you every success.

Mrs B and The Librarian Team

Why are Manga books so expensive?

For the last twelve months I have been slowly creating a range of Manga books in response to pupil requests. Ideally, I need a team of researchers as I have insufficient knowledge of this genre to confidently purchase books (as we all know, some of the content is a little 'iffy' for a School Library). Recently I have discovered the  website and think this may provide a start point. If you would like to help, please message me via satchel:one or send me an email. Thanks in advance. Mrs B.

Interview with Mia Armstrong



Mia's First Day



Mia's Last Day with Mrs B

Mia spent P1 of her last day in School (Friday 28th May) with Mrs Brett in our School Library and we happily reminisced about the past five years. Mia found the beginning of Year 7 very tough as she had just moved from Telford and had no friends from Primary School to talk to. She joined our Library Team in 2017 and remembers Rowan Hall, Rose Pound, Mollie Creaser-Ogden, Frankie Stevenson and Ellie Cooke. We also recalled that Jack Brough (our 2020/21 Deputy Head Boy and brother of two of our current Librarians, Amy and Lucy Brough) was also briefly in our team!

Mia left our Library team at the beginning of Year 9 but returned later the following year even though

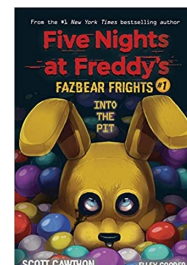
she was reluctant to mentor our trainees. Mia is the first to admit that she 'jumped through hoops to avoid human interaction'. She did, however, enjoy learning how to use our Library database but sadly, because of the Covid Lockdowns, Mia did not have opportunity to work behind the Issues Desk. We took a quick peak at the Library stats and Mia has an impressive returns record, shelving a total of 570 Library books (including 45 in the last academic year before our Library closed due to Covid 19).



Mia liked working from home during Lockdown and enjoyed Mr Goodall's Zoom lessons the most. As well as school work and revision, she sewed 'plushies', painted watercolours and made leaving presents (felt animals) for her favourite teachers. Returning to School was tough without the support of our Librarian Team but she soon expanded her friendship group and is looking forward to Prom with Khalika, Megan Chew, Megan Mason and Roxanne. Whilst Mia has been nervous about walking too close to people, she has loved wearing facemasks (her favourites including 'Hogwarts' and 'Friends').

Currently, Mia is working on her CV and hopes to apply for three Summer holiday jobs, Starbucks Oswestry, Aldi and Oswald's Cross Carvery. Later this year, she is off to Shrewsbury Colleges Group (SCAT) to study Creative Media Level 3 and then hopefully heading to Staffordshire University (now in partnership with PlayStation) to read animation or game design. Mia's ambition is to be a game designer or animator and specifically making 3D screen character models for games.

Mrs Brett is not too sure about recommending Mia's favourite book from the 'Five Nights at Freddy's' series but does agree with her 'words of wisdom'. Mia advises future Librarians "work well as a team and persevere, you will eventually learn the Dewey Decimal Classification Code". Mind you, Mia did admit to writing the numbers on post-it notes ready for my Zoom quiz questions...



It is a great pity that Mia missed out on becoming a Red badge Librarian as she was unable to complete our Librarian Training course, she has also missed out on a Year 11 Leavers Librarian Party, again because of the Pandemic. Very kindly, Mia and her Mum Emma still ensured Mrs Brett had cake. Mia has promised to visit our School Library once life returns to normal and Mrs Brett can't wait!!!

Mia Armstrong and Mrs Brett

LIBRARY ART GALLERY



Thanks for the cake Mia.
Staff made short work of
this. Yum Yum!

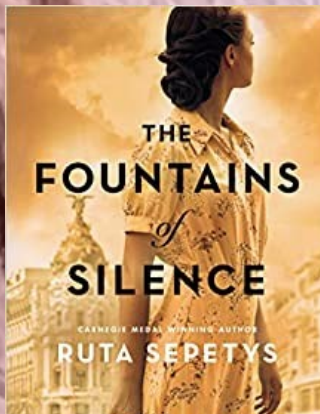


Thanks for this polar bear Maisie (9E);
perfect for my Conservation Corner display.

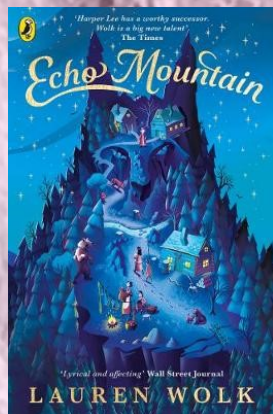


Creative

Carnegie Shadows' Leader Board



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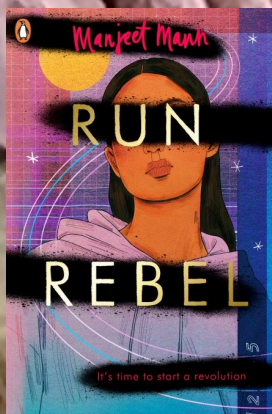
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3rd



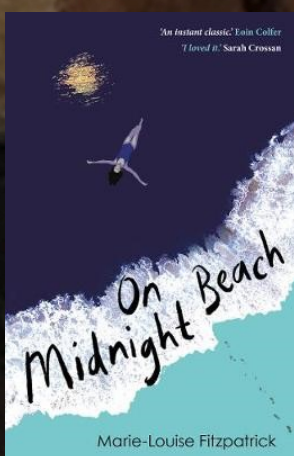
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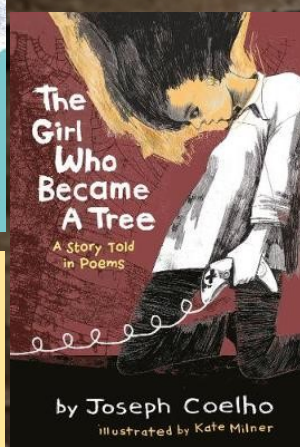
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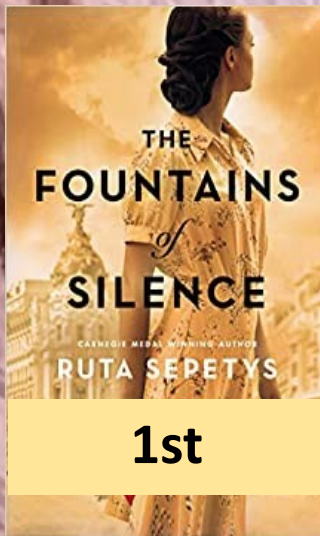


Reviews
awaited!



Our special Zoom
guest fell asleep and
snored throughout our
entire book discussion.
Shameful!

Carnegie Shadows (Busy Bees)



Year 7 Megan Lawson's mini review

GENRE: Historical Fiction

STAR RATING: ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

COMMENTS: I've never liked reading romances but this was so well written that I really enjoyed it. Once I started I couldn't put it down. Highly recommended.

FOR READERS IN YEARS: 8-10

Looking at 'The Girl Who Speaks Bear', Mrs Brett challenged our Carnegie Shadows to write their own Haiku.



A HAIKU HOW-TO

Five syllables in the first line

Seven syllables in the second line

Five syllables in the last line



Yanka needs to fit
Big and strong with furry feet
Homeward bound friends found
Mrs Brett



Francesca Widdon (7T)

Busy bees are reading,
Checking books out ev'ry day,
Writing their reviews!

Books are the best things,
Captivating treasure troves,
Never put them down.

Amy Brough (90)



Anastasia Serdyuk (7T)

Busy bees get books.
Without taking your eyes off,
You read on for hours...

COGHEART

Author: Peter Bunzil

Main characters: Lily, Robert, Malkin, John, the men with the silver eyes

Main story line: Cogheart is about a young girl called Lily who goes to boarding school because her father, John, is always away. John is killed on his airship and Lily is informed of his death by a mechanical fox called Malkin. A boy called Robert helps Malkin who is shot by the men with silver eyes. The men continue to chase Lily, Robert and Malkin, but why? Well, Malkin delivered a package to Lily from her father containing a machine invention; the silver-eyed men want it. Find out what happens to Lily and her friends in this book full of adventure.



What I liked:

I liked the fact that Lily is very adventurous and her character inspires other girls and boys with the courage to do what they need in order to achieve their dreams.

What could be improved:

I just think that this book could do with a little more imagination to it. For me, I didn't particularly enjoy the book because it wasn't that interesting for the reader at the start.

Rating: I would rate this book:



Elizabeth

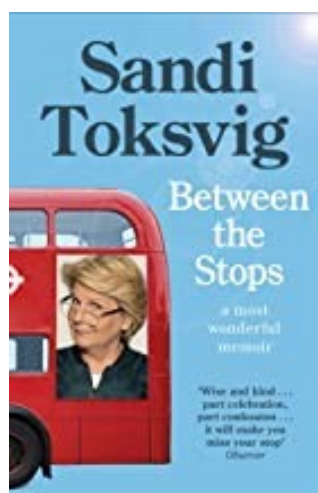
Oh dear, Elizabeth, I fear I must jump in here to defend one of my favourite fantasy adventures for Year 7s. I do agree with you that there are a lot of characters at the beginning and working out who everyone is definitely slows the story down. I too like the character of Lily who becomes more self-reliant as the series continues. It would not do for us all to like the same book but I do think 2 stars is stingy!!!! **Mrs B**

Mrs Brett's Monthly Reading & Book Reviews



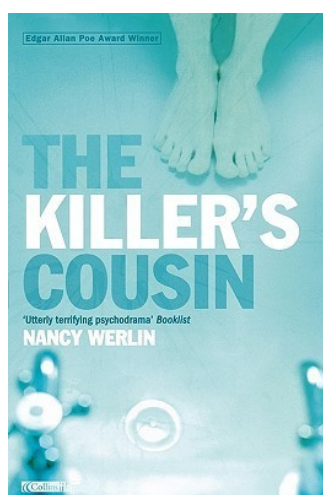
Young Adult

I picked this one out of our staff book swap box and enjoyed reading it so much that I have added it to our Library stock. The Young Adult genre is because there is some swearing. The plot...fourteen-year-old Cynthia wakes one morning to discover that her entire family - mother, father, brother - have vanished. No note, no trace and no return. Ever. Twenty-five years later and with a family of her own, Cynthia receives a letter which leads her to the devastating truth. Sometimes it's better not to know. Great plot twists and turns. **Unputadownable.**



Adult Read

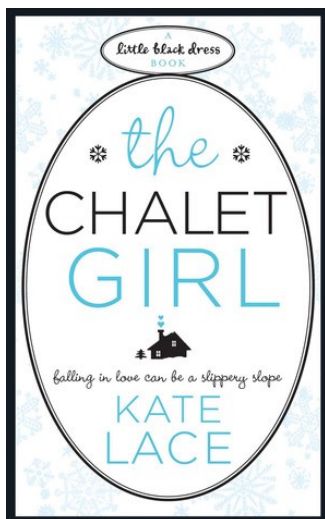
This woman is ridiculously clever and well-read. A wonderful anecdotal memoir but the info about the history of London is so detailed that I found myself repeatedly setting the book aside. There are some interesting references to Toksvig's personal life and, as is to be expected, numerous humorous recollections. I particularly loved the image of the Bake-Off judges careering through the grounds in a golf buggy driven by Paul Hollywood. Stars deducted here as I lacked the motivation to finish this book.



Thriller

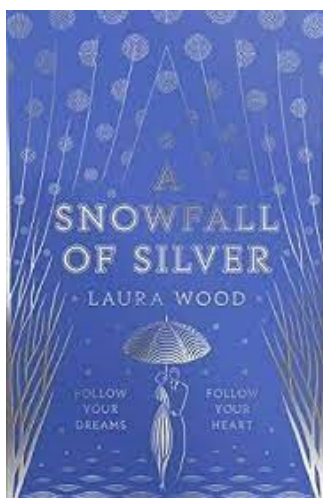
Truthfully, I did not know we had this book; I came across it during our ongoing data cleanse/stock take. When seventeen-year-old David Yaffe moves into the third floor of his aunt and uncle's home he faces hostility as he has recently been acquitted of the murder of his girlfriend in highly publicised trial. While he struggles to come to terms with his new life, his eleven-year-old cousin, Lily, exhibits escalating malicious behaviour. Her parents have zoned out as a way to cope with the death of Lily's older sister and refuse to recognise there are problems within their family. This Edgar Allan Poe Award Winning book is an expertly paced thriller which unfolds tantalizingly slowly. A must read. **Unputadownable.**





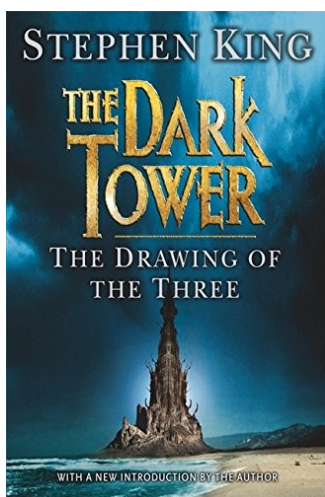
Romance

Saturday afternoon, it was chucking it down with rain and I just wanted an easy read. I had picked this 'chick lit' book from the staff book swap box and it was just perfect for my mood. Chalet girl Millie Braythorpe should be in heaven. But thanks to four months of bed-making and cooking for guests, her 'glamorous' ski season feels more like hell. The only thing she looks forward to these days is her nightly gig singing in a little French bar. The handsome troublemaker Luke comes to stay at her chalet and Millie falls head over heels in love...' I read this from cover to cover in one afternoon; I loved it!



Romance

I've thoroughly enjoyed all the books I have read by Laura Wood and the covers are just so beautiful. This particular author tends to set her novels in the early 1900s and the quality of her writing makes totally unbelievable stories utterly believable. 'In the Autumn of 1931, eighteen year old Freya runs away from her home in Cornwall to follow her dream of becoming an actress. When she finds work with a touring theatrical company, Freya thinks her path to success is clear. But can reality every live up to her expectations? What if her life - and falling in love - turn out to be nothing like she planned?'. **Unputadownable.**

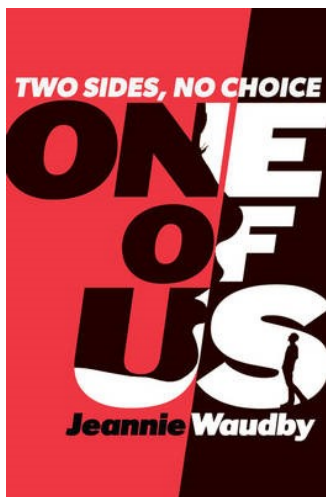


Fantasy (Adult)

I am so enjoying 'The Dark Tower' series by Stephen King. The second book 'The Drawing of the Three' is better than the first. Who else but Stephen King could create the ridiculously named - but terrifying - 'lobstrosities' and carry this off with such aplomb. A masterpiece but sadly not a series I can stock in our Secondary School library for fear of complaints (far too much gratuitous violence and sexually explicit scenes).

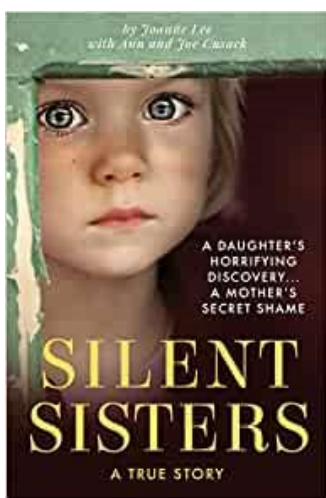


BACKGROUND: In the late 1970s, King began what became a series of interconnected stories about a lone gunslinger, Roland, who pursues the "Man in Black" in an alternate-reality universe, a cross between J. R. R. Tolkien's Middle-earth and the American Wild West as depicted in Spaghetti Westerns. King's work on this epic aeries was sporadic, spanning four decades until publication of the eight and final book. Efforts to adapt the series for film began in 2007. Sadly, the first instalment, released in 2017 (starring Idris Elba) was savaged by the critics because it failed to successfully combine elements from all eight novels into a new story for screen.



Thriller

This is a thought provoking, believable thriller, full of plot twists. The main character, 'K' is not scared of many things, but the Brotherhood terrify her. After being caught up in a bomb attack, she agrees to go undercover and spy on this young radical terrorist group. K soon realises that things are not quite as 'black and white' as she had originally thought and she begins to question who the enemy really is. Discovering the truth is difficult, especially when there's a love interest at stake. A great debut novel; it is not often that I hope for a sequel.



True Story

I am very grateful to the Year 9 pupil who lent me this book but I do have reservations about stocking it in our Library. This deeply disturbing memoir starts in 1998 with an account of Joanne Lee digging an eighteen-inch deep grave (with her bare hands) in the family plot and burying the body of a baby girl which she and her sister Cath had discovered stuffed into a red bin in her mother's wardrobe. The background to this horror is exposed through Joanne Lee's account of her childhood, growing up in almost unimaginable squalor in a dysfunctional, filthy home, seeing and experiencing things no young child should ever be exposed to.



Books for holiday reading kindly lent to Mrs Brett by staff and pupils:

The Other Passenger by Louise Candlish

Max by Sarah Cohen-Scali

Us Three by Ruth Jones

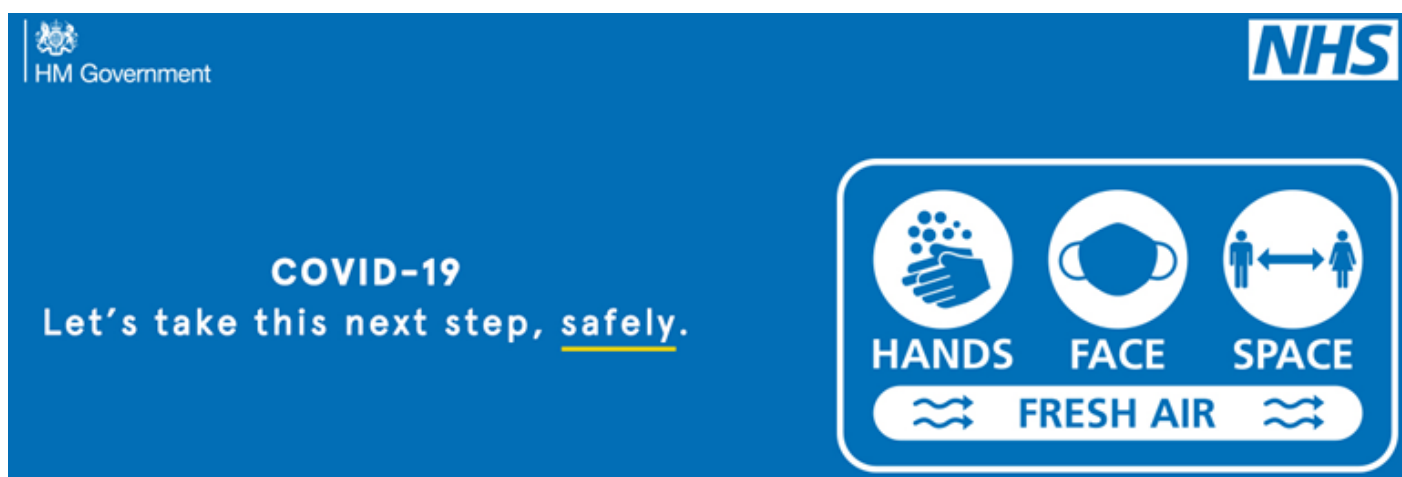
The Wastelands by Stephen King

Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng

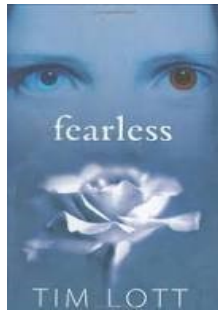
Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult

They Both Die At The End by Adam Silvera

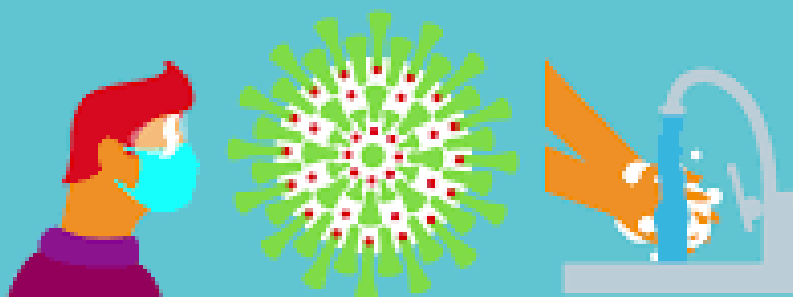
The Salt Path by Raynor Will



MRS BRETT'S TOP 10 FOR 2021 (so far)



1. Fearless by Tim Lott
2. The Killer's Cousin by Nancy Werlin
3. The Rains by Gregg Hurwitz
4. The Ickabog by J.K. Rowling
5. Being Miss Nobody by Tamsin Winter
6. The Blackheart Legacy by Liz de Jager
7. The Stolen Ones by Vanessa Curtis
8. Killer T by Robert Muchamore
9. One of Us by Jeannie Waudby
10. Snowfall of Silver by Lauren Wood



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1. Can you **IDENTIFY** each member of **STAFF**?

CLUES (Questions 11 and 16 are worth 2 points)

11. You should be able to identify this member of staff by a process of elimination!

16. The last name (surname) of this member of staff also begins with the letter 'P'.



2. Can you work out which was **their** favourite **CHILDHOOD BOOK**?

Need a clue?
Look at the age of some of these book covers!!!

OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY FUNDRAISER QUIZ : ENTRY FORM

NAME..... TUTOR ROOM NO:

When you have identified the members of staff, write their names next to the numbers below.
As you match each one with their childhood book, write the letter of the book alongside.

Example: 1. Mr N Moore L

<u>STAFF MEMBER NAME</u>	<u>BOOK</u>	<u>STAFF MEMBER NAME</u>	<u>BOOK</u>
1.	10.
2.	11.
3.	12.
4.	13.
5.	14.
6.	15.
7.	16.
8.	17.
9.	18.